

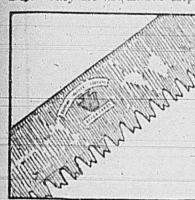
### THE GAS WHIPSAW.

An ordinary saw cuts only when pushed. A Chinese saw cuts when pulled. A saw that cuts both going and coming is called a whipsaw. From this is derived the popular use of the term "whipsaw" as ap-

plied to a man who gets the worst of it both ways. Men who are whipsawed are more common than real whipsaws. Whipsawing of wood is much less frequent than the whipsawing of a community.

This process of whipsawing is the most apt way to describe the plight of this community in the present gas litigation.

All the gas companies of Greater New York have a common ownership. They are not all one corporation, but they are all akin in their interests and their principal proprie-



inds of charters, some expired, some violated and some void. Under whichever they are doing business it would be impossible for them to continue without the use of the public streets, which are public property. Successive Legislatures have made

tors. They are operating under all

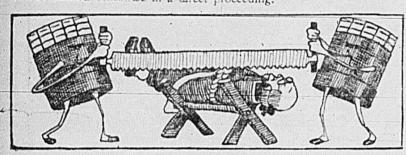
the gas companies' use of the public streets contingent on the sale of gas to the public at not more than a fixed maximum price. The last Legislature fixed the maximum at 80 cents a thousand feet. The gas companies continued to use the public

streets and refused to sell gas for 80 cents. Part of the gas is consumed in lighting the streets. The city refused to pay for this gas at the rate of 90 cents, which the companies

demanded. The companies sued the city. The case was tried in Brooklyn, which is in a different county and a different judicial department from Manhattan. The court there decided that the gas companies could charge any price they pleased so long as they did not exceed the maximum fixed by law, and since prior to last July that maximum was \$1 and over the Court refused to let the city introduce evidence to prove what was a fair and reasonable price for gas, holding that the Legislature had already fixed the price.

For gas used after the 80-cent law took effect consumers have been seeking to mandamus the gas company to furnish gas at 80 cents. These cases were brought in the Borough of Manhattan.

A Justice of the Supreme Court in Manhattan has just decided against the consumers who claimed that the Legislature had fixed the 80 cent price and that this law must be regarded as constitutional until It was decided otherwise in a direct proceeding.



This is whipsawing. When the city desires to show that past bills were unreasonable, that line of proof is excluded on the ground that

"People through their representatives assembled in Legislature have the undoubted power to fix the rate which public-service corporations shall charge. The claim that the rate fixed by the Legislature is excessive is a thing to be addressed to the next Legislature, not to the courts The cost of production of gas to the plaintiffs is therefore an immaterial

The Justice in New York County says:

"The statute before me is obviously not a regulation of matters falling within the police power, and I must conclude that the question of the reasonableness of the rate fixed for gas supplied by the respondent is one open to determination as a fact in this proceeding."

In the course of a few years the Court of Appeals will decide whether the Brooklyn judge or the New York judge is right. In the mean time Father Knickerbocker will be whipsawed as usual.

# Letters from the People.

three years. I paid \$16 a month at first plain of that little duty does no agent came to collect the rent. which lighted the kitchen fire in the morning. we should always remember that in was \$15. I gave him a \$30 bill and he returned me the receipt and \$1. I told him turned me the receipt and \$1. I told him turned me the receipt and \$1. I told him he had made a mistake and had to give Fire Engine Has Right of Way. me more. He answered me that the rent To the Editor of The Etening World way raised to \$13. I told bim that he . Which has right of way through the should have notified me to that effect a streets, the fire engines or mail wagmonth abend and insisted upon the re- ons? 

"Englishwoman" advises girls to learn 'Englishwoman' advises gives to search

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guiltoning instead of stenography, saying. In this era, of "leata-defying," conmarry a man that can afford as

light the fire, especially in the winter.

| And he should have the kitchen nice To the Editor of The Evening World:

I am a tenant of the same house for breakfast. Any man that would comand was raised il twice, but was always serve a good wife. I have been marnotified a month alload. Today the tied seven yours and have always

The Wife Who Smoker.

To the Editor of The Evening World:

A correspondent asks what he is to do about his wife's smoking. I would say it is time for him to tell her that through respect for her children sho must quit it. No woman who has respect for her children, husband or self would do anything like that.

R. W. WILTON.

One Girl's Ideas.

To the Editor of The Evening World:

One Girl's Ideas.

A correspondent asks what he is to do about his wife's smoking. I would do about his wife's smoking. I would have and forth at a fast trot in the hallway above my head, and a parrot garges the sirshaft screams and squawks for six hours on a stretch, and the baby in the flat beneau, squalls all might, and people cook onless and cibbage next door, and a nuisical genius howls and plays till mile night—is it to be windered at that a tired, delicate woman should complain?

One Girl's Ideas.

To the Editor of The Evening World:

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Scribbler—Well, some expressmen clearge me fi and some 75 cents.—

"She insisted on deferring the wedding until he gat a good, start in the race for wealth."

"And then?"

"He found and the day to the day

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# Trying On His Campaign Trousseau. By J. Campbell Cory



# THE MEN IN THE NEWS—Straight Talks to Them—By Nixola Greeley-Smith.

A Cheer-Up-and-Be-Gay Message to the English Painter Who Gazes at the World Through a Sad and Weary Monocle.



FAR SIR WILLIAM BLAKE RICHMOND: We learn by capie from London that you think the world is grows ng less beautiful. It is, you are quoted as saying in a erage taste is worse than it was a century ago. Imi-

But don't you think that the world has the chameleon qual-But don't you think that the world has the chameleon quality of taking on the color of the observer's scale. All looks. But neither the world's beauty nor its wisdom is any longer exclusive. Would ity of taking on the color of the observer's soul. All looks rose-col- you build a Chinzse wall about the sunset or copyright the moon yellow to a faundiced eye, we are told. All looks rose-col- you build a Chinzse wall about the sunset or copyright the moon Beauty creates beauty, and the mirror of life gives back to so. Yet all the world's beauty has apring from them.

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art. We are helps of all the beauty that has been. Do you object because the you a little.

ficial at first. Cultivation works from without inward. We civilize first the sur-

tation has taken the place of creation. People's little, stuffed with heterogeneous knowledge and they create little, beauty. Knowledge is not less wonderful because to-day there is none so possible to the place of creation. People's little, stuffed with heterogeneous knowledge and they create little.

vellow to a faundiced eye, we are told. All looks received or of to the primrose view of youth and love, we know. Age commonwealth to the primrose view of youth and love, we know. Age commonwealth the world with its chill disliusionment and unbelief.

It is the grand total of ages of creation in science and literature and Take another and more hopeful look at the world, Sir William. It may grow on

### Stop Laughing!"

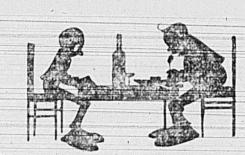
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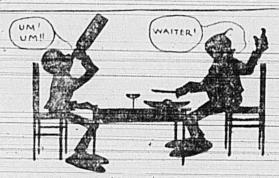
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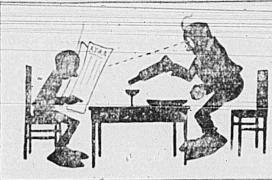
"He found another girl at the first quarter pole." - Louisville Courier-Jour-

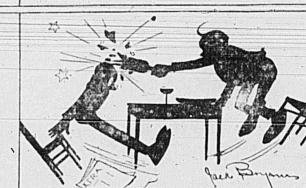
A Tragedy in Black and White. 

By Jack Bryans.









## SOME OF THE "LITTLE ODDITIES" OF SCIENCE.

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REAL SFORT. I the last edict issued before her deposition by the ill-fated Lydia Lilluokalani, produce hay fever during the middle of winter.

# The FIFTY GREATEST EVENTS in HISTORY

By Albert Payson Terhune

No. 38-The French Revolution and the Reign of Terror.

"Sire, this is no revolt. It is a revolution. After the fall of the Bastile the nation had awaited further developments. Politicians wrangled, finances became more and more entangled, Queen Marie Antoinette con inued to meddle with affairs of state which she did not understand, famine and misery stalked abroad, and the news' of the Bastile's destruction spread through France, everywhere stirring up the masses to courage and fury. At this juncture the King, advised by his wife, made one of his costly blunders. Although his people were starving, and although more than ever before he needed the loyalty of his soldiers, he gave a great and expensive banquet at Versailles to his foreign

This was the last straw. The National Guard, led by Lafayette and preceded by a mighty mob of angry women, marched from Paris to Versailles on Oct. 5, 1789, attacked the Versatlles Palace and dragged the King and his wife and son back to Paris with them. Again a wrangle of politicians. Lou s tional monarch, but Marie Antoinette and the advisers with which she surrounded him would not hear of such a thirg. So the foolish King, by once more yielding to his wife's demands, hastened on to the doom that awaited

National Guard regiments were formed all over the country in the name of the people. In the rural districts bands of peasants settled old scores against the masters who had oppressed them by The Vengeance thing end looting their castles. Noblemen, from coyof the People. I alty down, began fleeing from France by the hungers.

dreds, in fear for their lives. Many, their estates confiscated, were forted to work at the lowest occupations in England, Holland, Germany and America. Truly, the people

were having their innings and paying old scores with a vengeance!

Meantime, in Paris a body known as the Assembly draw up a "Declara" tion of the Rights of Man," based partly on our own Declaration of Independence. Its keynote was "Equality." It proclaimed the freedom of all men, the sovereignty of the nation, religious tolerance, fair laws and the abolition of aristocracy and privilege. To this declaration Louis would not subscribe. Marie Antoinette regarded its claims as insane. Louis secretly appealed to his follow representation for all angels. cretly appealed to his fellow-sovereigns of Europe, and a foreign alliance was formed to invade France and reinstate the King. The royal family sought to escape over the frontier on June 20, 3791, but were caught and brought back. After this Louis consented to swear to the Constitution, and was reinstated. But he continued to plot with foreign powers and, by his own weakness and his wife's influence, to throw away chance after chance of appearing his subjects.

The allies marched against France, and tamine again, swept the land.

This double grievance maddened the propie, and they took matters in their cwn hands. A mob sacked the Tulleries (the King's residence in Peris), massacred the Swiss Guard, who sought to defend their master, and imprisoned the royal faibily. Louis was suspended from older, and in November, 1792, was brought to trial. By a vote of 387 to 334 he was condemned to death. All titles had been abolished so under the name of "Citizen Louis Capet" the unfortunate monarch was believed Jan 21, 1793. In the same year the Reign of Terror set in. Aris occats were guilt to tined by scores and hundreds. Marie Antoinette was behended, and her son secretly put to death in prison. The falls were full of noblemen and of citizens who were suggested of lack of loyalts to the new republic. In parts of France guillotining was sometimes regarded as too slow a method of emptying the prisons, so captives were led out and shot in platches. The rumble of the carts learing victims to the staffeld was as common a sound as is now the clang of a trolley gong. Trizis were mere farces the filmsiest evidence would convict the term "Aristotral" became the dead-

panied by massacres and other atto itles, broke out and we kened the al-

France's Era | the French Army had been noblemen. These had Army Worship. | fied or been behended, leaving the army office rices. petent their soldiers refused to obey them, and often even shot them.

on her soldiers, the republic granted the army all sorts of privileges and made it an object of adoration. This spirit of "Army worship" was seized upon afterward by Napoleon to forward his own ends, and a century later was the main theme of the Dreyfus scandal.

The newly reorganized French Army, in the Revolution, turned on its allied foes and in battle after battle whipped the best disciplined troops of Europe, finally splitting the alliance against France and rescuing their fatherland from disgrace and perhaps dismemberment.

Marat, Danton and Robespierre were the three prime movers in the Reign of Terror. Each of the trio used the other two for his own ends, and

mass infinitely more. Necessarily its distribution must be more or less super- each sought to be dictator of the stricken country. Marat, merciless and bestial, was murdered by Charlotte Corday, whose lover he call at first. Cultivation works from without inward. We civilize first the sur-ace, then the soul. The catechism follows clothes in the redemption of savage ribes. We put Rain-in-the-Face into trousers before we teach him how many commandments there are to break. Every step we take toward the improvement turn was deposed and guillotined. And now, amid the chaos, confusion of wild schemes and conflicting

## THE MAN HIGHER UP.

By Martin Green.

SEE." mild the Cigar Store Man, "that Al Adam's leaves a bank roll ten million plunks strong to his sorrowing family."

"Some peops," remarked The Man Higher Up, will proceed to frick. their minds for opinions about whether honesty is really the best policy in view of what Adams saved up from gigs that never same on. That I'm horse power bromide. 'It doesn't pay to be honest,' will be worked on an open-shop schedule

long after Adams's money is in the process of relistribution.

"However, there are few men who would have changed places with Al Adams for all his coin. There are few men who would have taken movement of the sense." put on the pan with hot memories under them every night and scring the things hat finally drove Adams to suicide. "Most of us are inherently honest not exactly because we want to be honest,

ut because we're afraid to be dishonest. Fran of doing time keeps a latiof name out of the Rogues' Gallery. Fear of something else-something that we are never exactly wise to-causes the rest to remember the Ton Commandments, although they are not always remembered in a bunch. "If a vast majority of us were not honest, where would the prafters and sures.

thing men get their money? It is strange, but true, that the more honest a man is in his deatings with honest men the swifter is his fall when a crook gots next to him. Approach an honest man who has parlayed a letter from his Sundayschool teacher into a bank account with a proposition to put coin into a legitismate enterprise paying \$2000.7 to 10 per cent, and he'll sidestep violently enough to jar his shoes off. But let a wise peddler of the bull con go around to him, salve him a few minutes about how strong he is in the business world, and he'llbuy a cave in a mountain of mud and think it s a gold mine. Offer the average successful, honest man to per cent, on his investment and he'll sprain his wrist; writing a check. The unsuccessful honest people fell the same way to Al Adams's policy game, and there are other grafts just as strong in operation to-day, but the

"I've heard it said," declared the Cigar Store Man, "that the only way to be abolutely happy is to be absolutely honest."

"That may be," agreed The Man Higher Up. "It may be that there are men who can be absolutely happy and absolutely hungry at the same time, but I have never seen one that looked the part."

## TWO-MINUTE TALKS WITH NEW YORKERS.

By T. O. McGill.



The best times a week and have a two-hour canter around the park or a two-hour canter around the park as good as golf. "The best time-killer, too; almost as good as golf. "The best time to ride is from 6 in the morning till 8. At those hours there are very few of the fancy riders abroad; and if one isn't an out-and-out ventaur one doesn't feel and translation." Not one man in a hundred has entry few of the fancy riders abroad; and if one isn't an out-and-out ventaur one doesn't feel as trobled in his vanity as to the figure he's making. "Not one man in a hundred has entry few of the fancy riders abroad; and if one isn't an out-and-out ventaur one doesn't feel as trobled in his vanity as to the figure he's making. "Not one man in a hundred has entry few of the fancy riders abroad; and if one isn't an out-and-out ventaur one doesn't feel as trobled in his vanity as to the figure he's making. "Not one man in a hundred has entry few of the fancy riders abroad; and if one isn't an out-and-out ventaur one doesn't feel as good as golf. "The best time to ride is from 6 in the morning till 8. At those hours there are around the park as good as golf. "The best time held in the set time is a second as to do in the around the park as good as golf. "The best time held in the set time."

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"I don't know," said Crerand, "unless to the fa

"For a comparatively small sum one liver," strong for horseback recreation."